

MEXICAN SITUATION AT STANDSTILL

British Troops Open Gigantic Offensive

START GREAT CHARGE UPON KAISER'S MEN

Crushing Blow Is Struck at Germans Along 90-Mile Front in France.

USING NEW TACTICS

Original Method of Attack Demoralizes Teutons—

French Cooperate.

London, July 1. (1 p. m.)—After weeks of intense bombardment the guns of every calibre firing a million shells daily, the British early this a. m. launched a general offensive against the German line along a front 20 miles north of the river Somme. They succeeded in taking the German front trenches and capturing many prisoners.

The French on the British right cooperated in the attack. When the last dispatches thus far received from British headquarters fighting was still progressing and further successes, it was said, were being recorded.

British Headquarters in France, July 1. (1 p. m.)—Reports from the front 30 miles north of the river Somme, showed that the allies had captured the towns of La Boisselle, Serre and Montauban and that the British had captured the towns of La Boisselle, Serre and Montauban and that the British had captured the towns of La Boisselle, Serre and Montauban.

These reports show that the French and British, at the points of their furthest advances, have broken through a distance of more than five miles between the front German trenches. Montauban is five and a half miles east of the old British front and La Boisselle is six miles east-southeast of Albert. The British are endeavoring to surround Thiepval and at other points an intense struggle is underway for towns and villages.

Reports from the front indicate that the important German position at Fricourt may be cut off.

The British offensive was preceded by a bombardment of a week, compared with the bombardment of 31 days before the advance at Loos last September. The terrible effect of the day of bombardment from day to day, agreed that nothing to equal it had ever occurred before on the British front.

London, July 1.—The front for the offensive was decided upon weeks ago. The frequent raids had procured for British headquarters important information as to the disposition of the Germans and was designed to keep the German generals uncertain as to the point of attack.

This is the first time since the war began that the intention of an army to undertake an offensive has been so well advertised. A week ago when the German attacks against Verdun began to make further headway and it was feared the army of the crown prince was getting within distance of Verdun which was dangerous for the allies, the British began to speak. Since then, except for the hours when British infantrymen were raiding German trenches, a continual bombardment has been maintained.

Smash German Defenses.

Batteries which now are innumerable took turns at smashing the German defenses, destroying communication trenches and blowing up ammunition depots. New trench mortars, particularly destructive, tore away wire entanglements, broke down parapets and generally opened the way for men with rifles and bayonets. Big guns of 15 inches and other large calibers prevented the Germans from bringing up supplies, wrecking everything within range.

The artillery fire was particularly intense on a stretch of the front north of the Somme and earlier dispatches told of the destruction of the towns of Thiepval and Beaumont, where the Germans had concentrated ammunition. Early this morning more guns were brought into action on this 20 mile sector and for an hour and a half the Germans were subjected to a bombardment which is described as the fiercest experienced in the war of heavy artillery.

London Is Enthusiased.

"The news of the British offensive, which was quickly circulated in London, created the greatest enthusiasm and details of the battle are being anxiously awaited. Only the morning the correspondents at the front for British newspapers, while writing of the British artillery and raiding successes, were not able to say that an advance was being made by infantry, but not by artillery and that the British army

Corn Passed Into Mexico After Search

El Paso, July 1.—Twenty-five hundred sacks of corn consigned by local dealers to Mexican merchants in Juarez were passed by United States customs officials today after each sack had been searched for contraband articles.

Mexican dealers say that with the state torn by years of strife and practically no crops being raised in Chihuahua, the people in that region are on the verge of starvation.

It was rumored in Mexican circles in El Paso today that Francisco Villa had taken charge of the Carranza force of 15,000 men being concentrated at Bustillos, about seventy miles west of Chihuahua City on the line of the Mexico Northwestern railway. Authorities in Juarez, however, pronounced the report unfounded.

During the night a heavy provost guard, a troop of cavalrymen and a detachment of infantry mounted on motorcycles was stationed at the plaza, while large posts were kept at the international bridges. General Francisco Gonzalez, commandant at Juarez, said today that the civil populace was well under control.

could not expect to come out of the engagement scathless. First accounts of the battle, however, state that the British casualties were heavy.

In London there was a frantic rush to obtain special editions of the evening newspapers. Along the Strand and other thoroughfares there was a turmoil of excitement. From the tops of busses, passengers, especially soldiers, cheered the tidings which had been awaited so eagerly. Men and women in little groups scanned the special editions, then broke out in cheers of joy.

Reduce Passenger Traffic.

The war office announced that the necessary passenger traffic between Great Britain and the continent would be regulated closely and reduced as far as possible. Only those having serious reasons are permitted to travel. To prevent transmission of naval or military information all passengers' baggage will be searched.

The portion of the line selected by the British for the inauguration of the drive runs from the Somme northward past Albert to a point about eight miles south of Arras. It is on the section of the western front which runs roughly north and south from the North sea through Belgium and northern France, before it swings sharply to the south and east and on to the Swiss border. Albert is 70 miles northeast of Paris.

There has been much heavy fighting (Continued on Page Thirteen.)

Repubs Open Headquarters.

Chicago, July 1.—Headquarters for the republican state central committee were opened here today by Chairman Fred E. Sterling of Rockford. His first official act was to order a precinct canvass of the state at once. Three thousand poll books were sent to all precinct committeemen in the state outside of Cook county. This work usually is not undertaken in a national campaign until September.

Chicago Reserve Bank Statement.

Chicago, July 1.—A statement of the condition of the federal reserve bank of Chicago, embracing the business of the institution for six months ending June 30, issued today, shows a cash reserve of \$52,039,018.54. Net profits for the period were \$117,073.50 which, with a balance on Jan. 1 of \$20,991.39, makes the undivided profits \$137,169.89. Bills discounted for members totaled \$2,051,840.11.

Latest Bulletins

Galveston, Texas, July 1.—Two American soldiers from the cruiser Salem were wounded during a clash with armed Mexicans at Tampico last Tuesday, according to passengers arriving on the Wolf-vin liner Dade from Vera Cruz today who received their information from passengers on the Ward liner Monterey, Tampico to Vera Cruz, with whom they communicated.

Nogales, Ariz., July 1.—Mrs. William Hamilton, wife of an American connected with the Los Mercedis Sugar company of Sonora, was taken from a train yesterday at Nogales, four miles south of the border by Major Pelon Palma, military trainmaster of Sonora, according to reports received here today. United States Consul Simplich immediately demanded her release.

Washington, July 1.—A general revenue bill, designed to produce about \$210,000,000 from increased taxes on incomes and special taxes on inheritances and war munitions plants, was introduced in the house today by Democratic Leader Kitchin.

Washington, July 1.—Petitions requesting that President Wilson urge the British government to grant clemency to Sir Roger Casement, the Irish revolutionist, were introduced in the White house today from many parts of the coun-

FRENCH LOSE GROUND WON NEAR VERDUN

Works Around Thiaumont, Captured in Early Fighting Retaken by Teuts.

ATTACKS ARE FURIOUS

Germans Succeed in Driving Enemy Forces Out After Vicious Battle.

Paris, July 1. (12 noon).—After several furious assaults the Germans succeeded in penetrating the works around Thiaumont which were captured by the French yesterday, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

After four violent attacks with liquid fires the Germans succeeded in capturing the positions east of Hill 304 which were taken by the French yesterday. The French made a counter attack and recaptured the position, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

The approaches to Thiaumont are still in the hands of the French. On the west of the Meuse, fighting of great violence lasted throughout the night in the neighborhood of the Esnes-Avoourt road. The Germans attacked heavily both east and west of Hill 304 but most of their attacks were repulsed. Nancy was bombarded by German long range guns.

French War Report.

The text of the statement follows: "On both banks of the Meuse the enemy delivered repeated violent offensive actions. Last night on the left bank in the entire region east and west of Hill 304 the fighting was particularly intense. The Germans launched four attacks upon different sectors. The first attack accompanied by jets of liquid fire upon our positions between Hill 304 and the Esnes-Haucourt road was repulsed with sanguinary losses for the enemy.

"The second attack was in the neighborhood of the Esnes-Haucourt road and also repulsed.

"During the night east of Hill 304 a powerful German infantry action had succeeded in capturing a fortified work which had been taken by us yesterday, together with some trenches on the slopes east of Hill 304, but our counter attacks, immediately launched, restored the work and terrain to us entirely.

"Finally this morning we repulsed with success a German attack which attempted to reach the redoubt of Avoourt and we inflicted severe losses.

"On the right bank the combat in progress yesterday in the Thiaumont sector continued fiercely for possession of the works of that name. After furious assaults, preceded by bombardments the Germans again succeeded in penetrating the redoubt which was completely wrecked but we established ourselves in the immediate approaches. Heavy artillery activity continued in the regions of the Fumin and Chenois woods and Laufey.

"In Lourain two small German attacks upon our positions in the forest of Parroy were completely checked.

"This morning a long range German fired several shells of great calibre in the direction of Nancy."

AUSTRO-GERMAN BANK PROPOSED

Berlin Official Outlines Plans to Hungarians to Eliminate English System After War.

London, July 1.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former German secretary of state for the colonies, says the Times Budapest correspondent, has had an important conference with Hungarian bankers and shipping men in Budapest.

"He presented a scheme of Austro-German collaboration," says the correspondent, "to make the central powers independent of English shipping and banking after the war. The plan provides that Austrian and German importers and exporters agree not to employ British shipping agents, while the use of British banks and British capital under the scheme would be largely replaced with the aid of American banks which will be asked to establish branches in Berlin, Vienna and Budapest."

\$3,000,000 in Pension Fund.

New York, July 1.—Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, head of the Protestant Episcopal church movement to provide a thorough system of pensions for its clergymen, announced today that \$3,000,000 of the necessary \$6,000,000 fund had been pledged as the result of a four months' campaign.

Iowa Guards Suffer from Intense Heat

Camp Dodge, Iowa, July 1.—Conditions, approximating as closely as possible those on the Mexican border prevailed today at the mobilization camp of the Iowa national guard. The troops were sweltering under the stifling heat which took a toll of officers and troopers alike. Utmost precautions were observed today to prevent heat prostrations. Drill sergeants were ordered to be careful with the men as far as possible but despite cautions many men were relieved from duty on account of heat exhaustion. Officers cautioned the soldiers to be careful from eating too much "sweets" at the regimental canteen.

Plans were announced today for an elaborate celebration Independence day, Tuesday. The plans provide for an artillery fire regulation salute of 48 shots, games, band concerts and a review of the troops by Governor Clarke.

Fifty new recruits from all sections of the state reported to the senior officer at the camp today.

Army officers conferred today on the welcome to be given members of the First cavalry who are expected to arrive at the camp from North Liberty late today. It is planned to line up an entire brigade in dress parade, escorted by three bands to meet the men at the railroad station, and there give them a rousing reception. It is believed this demonstration will sufficiently enthrall the cavalrymen who refused to take the federal oath to get them to sign up for federal service.

If any general orders regarding the movements of any troops of the Iowa guard to the border were received today, they would not be made public.

It is believed, however, that no further work would be forthcoming until officers have reported the guard including the cavalry, signed, mustered and completely equipped.

Lieutenant Colonel M. Tindley, of Council Bluffs was today appointed to command the Third brigade, First infantry, vice Major Worthington, appointed camp adjutant.

HUGHES TO VISIT ILLINOIS TOWNS

Chicago, July 1.—Tentative dates for what may be the opening of the republican national campaign west of the Allegheny mountains with Charles Evans Hughes delivering a series of addresses in Illinois, are under consideration, according to announcement today by Fred E. Sterling, chairman of the republican state central committee.

Mr. Hughes has the plan which calls for a three day swing through this state on Sept. 18, 19 and 20 under advisement said Chairman Sterling.

The program calls for the first speech in Chicago on the night of Sept. 18. The next day he is tentatively scheduled for the republican state convention at Peoria and on the 20th he would deliver an address at the state fair at Springfield.

NEW DIVISION IN POSTAL SERVICE

Department Opened Today Has Supervision of Handling of Mails All Over United States.

Washington, July 1.—A new division in the postoffice department known as the division of postoffice service, with entire supervision over the handling and movement of the mails in every city and town in the United States, was created today. The change was provided for by a recent act of congress.

The new division absorbs the divisions of city delivery and salaries and allowances and that part of the division of miscellaneous transportation relating to the mail messenger, pneumatic tube and screen wagon services. The change is expected to improve mail service and eliminate confusion which had resulted from the division of executive authority over related postal functions.

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MORE TROOPS ENTRAIN FOR MEX. BORDER

Last Section of First Cavalry of Illinois Leaves After Night's Wait.

MOVEMENTS DELAYED

Improper Transportation Facilities Cause Great Loss of Time.

Springfield, Ill., July 1.—The last section of the train carrying the First cavalry of the Illinois national guard to the Mexican border pulled out of Springfield at 9:30 this morning after a delay of nearly fifteen hours. The cavalrymen had spent the night sleeping on the streets and sidewalks surrounding the railroad station, while the train was being made up.

With between 5,000 and 6,000 Illinois national guardsmen at the Mexican border, or enroute there, Adjutant General Dickson, in command of all the state troops, and Lieutenant Colonel E. M. Lewis, commanding the United States army mustering staff here, were preparing today to send the remaining 6,000 guards to San Antonio as fast as railroad accommodations can be obtained.

Railroads Cause Delay.

The lack of proper transportation facilities has become a serious problem, according to a telegram sent by Governor Dunne to Secretary of War Baker last night. There was a 12 hour delay in moving the Seventh infantry yesterday and even greater delay in the case of the First cavalry, which finally got away this morning.

Sleeping on station platforms and on city streets has not only worn the men out physically, but has dampened their spirits and as one high officer at Camp Dunne expressed it this morning, "the men don't care now whether they are sent to the border or to their homes."

A few days ago enlisted men and officers actually begged to be sent to the border. The Fourth and Third infantry regiments, comprising the downstate troops, will depart tomorrow morning and Monday morning, respectively if trains are available, it was stated unofficially but authentically here today.

Await Recognition.

The departure of the two field artillery battalions is being delayed by the failure of the war department to appoint a battery of Danville, but Colonel Lewis expected to receive the order of recognition at any hour today. Immediately afterward the battery will be mustered in, examined physically and its equipment inspected.

DUNNE CAMPAIGN ACTIVELY BEGUN

Chicago, July 1.—Governor Edward F. Dunne's campaign for renomination was actively begun today by the appointment of Thomas D. Nash of Chicago as manager of the state headquarters recently opened in a local hotel. The regular democratic clubs of the Third and Sixth wards held special meetings last night and adopted resolutions endorsing Governor Dunne for renomination. Several thousand primary petitions for Governor Dunne were sent out today in Chicago and downstate counties. A campaign committee of 100 for Governor Dunne will be named next week.

Shanley Resigns Office.

Chicago, July 1.—The resignation of B. J. Shanley, chairman of the state board of livestock commissioners, was announced today. Business and personal affairs are given as the reason in a letter to Governor Dunne. Mr. Shanley, who was elected to the post in 1914, announced the fight against the foot and mouth disease epidemic in Illinois.

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Joslyn Fails to Entangle Harry Carlin

Waukegan, Ill., July 1.—Whenever, in the trial of William H. Orpet for the alleged murder of Marian Lambert, there has arisen a point whereat the state desired to express skepticism or to insinuate a "frame up" in the matter of defense evidence, the name of Harry J. Carlin has been used with sneering emphasis.

There was unusual interest therefore today when Carlin mounted the witness stand.

Mr. Carlin was retained as an investigator by James H. Wilkerson, chief of Orpet's counsel and it was he, at the head of a party who found on Feb. 15 the body of molasses and water which Orpet said he threw away when he fled from Marian's body on Feb. 9. When Orpet went on the stand Attorney David Joslyn of the prosecution, by every device of sarcasm attempted to make his incredulity as to the bottle story plain.

Mr. Joslyn this morning indicated his attitude toward the whole bottle incident when he asked:

"Mr. Carlin, did the bottle look the same as when you first saw it?"

Carlin laughed at the lawyer's efforts to trap him.

"I never saw it before in my life," he replied with emphasis.

"There were no tracks leading to the bottle?"

"None but mine. When I came up I called attention of the others to the fact."

"Why, Mr. Carlin?"

"Because I knew that the bottle would figure in the case and that they would be called as witnesses."

Mr. Joslyn doubled and twisted in seeking to betray the witness into some damaging admission but the latter met him sharply at every turn.

Robert C. Lindsey, who picked up the bottle of molasses and water repeated substantially what Carlin had testified.

"Were the contents of the bottle frozen?" asked Mr. Joslyn.

"I noticed that it was thick—moved slowly," replied the witness.

STRIKE OIL VEIN NEAR BURLINGTON

Burlington, Iowa, July 1.—Drillers employed by wildcat speculators struck a five-foot vein of rich oil at a depth of 500 feet on a farm near Biggsville, Ill., 15 miles east of here today. This is the first oil ever struck in the vicinity, but geological experts have pronounced the site a promising field, and already a rush has been started by speculators for leases on adjacent land.

The field is not a gusher, but is similar to the wells in the Plymouth, Ill., field, which are producing large profits for owners.

GERMANS STILL ASK ANNEXATION

Berlin, June 30.—The national liberal party in Saxony meeting in convention in Chemnitz this week, has adopted resolutions showing that the party, so far as the Saxon contingent is concerned, has abandoned none of its demands regarding annexation.

In accordance with the recent pronouncement of the national committee of the party the Saxon convention declared that after such sacrifices as had been made the nation could only accept such a peace "as will guarantee Germany's military, political and economic position and this guarantee can only exist if the land and sea frontiers of Germany are extended east and west and overseas."

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CHIEF H. WASHINGTON IN SUSPENSE

Officials at Capital Count Time Impatiently Until Reply Arrives.

RODGERS UNINFORMED

Special Agent Fails to Make Any Mention of Nature of the Note.

Washington, July 1.—Developments here in the Mexican crisis were at a standstill again today while the United States government waited impatiently for Carranza's reply to the note sent last Sunday.

Messages received at the state department from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City made no mention of the Mexican answer. Mr. Rodgers so far has been unable to forecast the action of General Carranza. The only information reaching here have been through diplomatic and private dispatches indicating that the de facto government was preparing to stand by its attitude of hostility toward United States troops across the border.

Upon his return from New York President Wilson went over all the advice at hand. After today if it should become necessary for him to address the congress he would wait until Wednesday as both houses will adjourn over the Fourth of July.

All dispatches to the state department today continued to show progress in the military preparation for any eventualities on or beyond the border. Recruiting for the regular army increased more than 100 per cent during the week ending at noon yesterday following an increase of more than 50 per cent the preceding seven days.

The war department reported that increments of the California and Illinois national guard entrained for the border last night.

Restore Property to Yanks.

Efforts of the Carranza government to restore American property seized in Mexican states were reported to the state department by Special Agent Rodgers. He said some of the gold and silver bullion recently taken from Americans at Manzanillo had been returned and that Coahuila authorities were restoring many stolen horses and cattle.

Mr. Rodgers also reported the publication in the Mexican City press yesterday of the American note of June 20 with a memorandum commenting on and criticizing it by Foreign Minister Aguilar.

Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate said he had received no new advice from his government.

House Passes Hay Bill.

The Hay bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for dependent families of national guardsmen called or drafted in the present emergency was passed by the house today. The bill, which now goes to the senate, allows not exceeding \$50 a month to the dependent families in the discretion of the secretary of war.

Representatives Small, democrat, North Carolina, and James, republican, Michigan, were the only members to vote against the bill, which passed 297 to 2.

Refugees Flee Mexico.

Arrangements were made by the state department today to have an army transport take home 165 Porto Rican refugees from Mexico brought to New Orleans by American Consul Guaymas. They had been employed in the Yucatan sisal fields.

About 300 American refugees returned from east Mexican coast ports will be taken to Galveston at once by the naval transport Sumner, which has arrived at Vera Cruz, according to a report to the navy department received today.

Treasury officials were today figuring the treasury's net balance for the fiscal year which ended last midnight to determine whether a bond issue will be necessary to care for the extraordinary expenses of the Mexican crisis.

There is an agreement among administration leaders to ask congress to authorize such a bond issue in the event the ordinary resources of the treasury and the additional \$20,000,000 expected from the administration revenue bill are not sufficient.

Expenses incident to the Mexican emergency already provided for or estimated approximate \$125,000,000.

Dunne Again Reprieves Scott.

Springfield, Ill., July 1.—Governor Dunne today granted another reprieve of 90 days to Elston Scott, a negro in the Murphysboro, Ill., jail, awaiting execution for the murder of a negro, because the sheriff of Jackson county still declines to assure the governor that the negro will be executed "in a decent manner."

Takes Out Papers and Joins Army.

Lawton, Okla., June 1.—Matias Intriago, a Mexican, took out his first naturalization papers here today and immediately enlisted in the army.